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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION REACHED AT
BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 186923, B) ABU DHABI 1312

1. DURING MEETING AUGUST 7 WITH UAE MINISTER OF STATE
RASHID ABDALLAH, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY INFORM HIM OF US
INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY AND ACTIVELY BONN
DECLARATION TO WITHHOLD AND DENY AIR SERVICE TO AND FROM
COUNTRIES WHICH REFUSE TO PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE AIRCRAFT.
REFERRING TO OUR EARLIER CONVERSATIONS, AS WELL AS CON-
VERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI AND MINISTER OF
DEFENSE SHAIKH MUHAMMAD ON THIS SUBJECT, I INQUIRED WHERE
MATTERS STAND ON UAE ACCESSION TO THREE ANTI-HIJACKING
CONVENTIONS AND WHETHER UAE WOULD IN THE MEANTIME BE
PREPARED GIVE SOME KIND OF PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
OF BONN DECLARATION.

2. ABDALLAH DUCKED THE QUESTION OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
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SUPPORT BUT SAID THAT UAE ADHERENCE TO ANTI-HIJACKING
CONVENTIONS WAS UNDERH TUDY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S POLITI-
CAL DEPARTMENT. HE DID NOT SEE ANY LEGAL PROBLEM
PREVENTING UAE ADHERENCE AND THAT IT WAS JUST A MATTER
OF TIME. I TOLD ABDALLAH THAT UAE SHOULD TAKE CARE THAT
THE SLOWNESS IN WHICH IT WAS GIVING CONSIDERATION TO
ADHERENCE TO ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD

AS INDIFFERENCE. HE AFFIRMED THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, THERE WERE SIMPLY TOO FEW PEOPLE IN THE UAEG TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY ARE SO PREOCCUPIED ON INTERNAL INTRA-EMIRATE PROBLEMS.

3. ABDALLAH REMARKED THAT BESIDES OURSELVES, BRITISH HAD AGAIN RAISED UAE ADHERENCE TO ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS IN GENERAL WAY COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. I INDICATED THAT I EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD NOW ALSO BE HEARING FROM THE GERMANS.

4. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, CONTINUED FOLLOW-UPS BY OURSELVES AND REPS OF OTHER BONN DECLARATION GOVERNMENTS WILL BE NEEDED IF THIS MATTER IS TO BE PREVENTED FROM DYING OF INERTIA WITHIN THE UAE BUREAUCRACY.
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